

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. and O. steamer *Assosa*, with the next English mail, left Singapore at 6 a.m. on the 8th, and may be expected to arrive here to-day, the 13th instant.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The Pacific Mail steamer *City of Peking*, with the next American mail, left Yokohama on the 12th, and may be expected to arrive here on the 13th instant.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

The authorized List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published twice each day in our Extra, which is always corrected to a much later hour than that given below.

S. MAIL WILL CLOSE:

For Shanghai.—For Amoy, to-day, the 13th instant, at 2.30 A.M.

For Swatow, Siamloam, and Calcutta.—For Arratoon A-gay, to-day, the 13th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

For Manila.—For Diamante, to-day, the 13th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Straits Settlements and Bombay.—For Oreetes, to-day, the 13th instant, at 4.30 P.M.

For Heliow, Pakhoi, and Haiphong.—For Ping-on, to-day, the 13th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Hongkong and Amoy.—For Amoy, to-day, the 13th instant, at 5 P.M.

Namco, on Monday, the 15th inst. at 5 P. M.
For *St. Marks Settlements and Calcutta*.—*Per*
Naples, on Saturday, the 20th inst. at 2.30 P. M.

His Excellency the Governor is pleased to
order, under Section XII. of the Post Office
Ordinance, 1876, that the Late Fee charged on
Correspondence posted after certain hours on
Friday, 12th inst., to *London*, *Australia*, *Canton*,
Shanghai, &c., shall be 10 Cents, instead of 18
as hitherto.

**MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES
PACKET.**

The United States Mail Packet "BELGIC"
will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 13th
November, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco,
the United States, and the Consuls, Peru, &c.,
which will be closed as follows:—
2.15 p.m. Registry closes.
2.30 p.m. Post Office closes, and Letters for
Union Countries may be posted on board the

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.
The British Contract Packet "ZAMBEZI" will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 7th inst., with mails for India and through the United Kingdom and Europe, *via* Trinidad; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.
N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australasian Colonies.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French "Contrat" Packet, "A.V.A." will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits, Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India (via Madras), the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT
MAILS.

THE ENGLISH MAILS LEAVE OF DEPARTURE.
N. 10.00 P. M. On Wednesdays.

2 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.
3 P.M. Mails closed, except for Late Letters.
3.10 P.M. Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until.
3.30 P.M. when the Post Office closes entirely.
3.40 P.M. Late Letters may be posted on board the Packer with Late Fee of 10 cents until time of departure.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

TUESDAY—
5 P.M. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always

open out of office hours.

WEDNESDAY—
7 A.M., Post Office opens.
10 A.M., Register of Letters closes. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.
11 A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Letters.
11.10 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee, of 10 cents until
11.30 A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.
11.40 A.M., Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee, of 98 ¢ cents, until time of departure.

REGULATIONS AS TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS'

LETTERS.

1.—Privates in H.M. Army or Navy, Non-commissioned Officers,* Army Schoolmasters (not Superintending or First Class) or Schoolmistresses may send half-dozen letters to the United Kingdom by India or via Marseilles at the rate of four cents (two pence) each, which may be prepaid either in Imperial or in Hong-kong Stamps.

2.—The same privileges apply to letters addressed to the Privates and Non-commissioned Officers named above.

3.—All such letters prepaid at the former rate

of two Sants (and possibly) will be withdrawn to or from the United Kingdom by private steamer and not by the mail packets.

4.—Private steamers leave Hongkong for London about every ten days, and are from six to seven weeks on the voyage.

5.—The letters must not exceed half an ounce. No handkerchiefs, jewellery, &c., can be sent, even with the endopon.

6.—From a Soldier or Sailor his class and description must be stated in full on the letter, the cover of which must be signed by the Commanding Officer, with name of regiment, ship, &c., in full.

7.—If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class and description, with name of regiment, ship, &c., must be stated in full.

8.—Soldiers and Sailors have no privileges with regard to books or papers, nor can these be prepaid with Imperial Stamps.

* But not Warrant Officers, viz.:—Assistant Engineer, Gunner, Boatswain, or Carpenter.

Correspondence for the West Indies (except those belonging to the Postal Union, the Bahamas, and Hayti), for Monte Video and Paraguay can no longer be sent via San Francisco;

Many boxes of letters are received at the Post Office, and sealed, that is to say, the box is fastened with sealing wax, but there is no impression of a seal.

The attention of boxholders is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with some recognisable seal, and of sending a chit-book or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution causes a doubt as to the character of the contents of the box once reached the Post Office; the omission of the former, as to whether part of them might not have been abstracted for the sake of the Postage Stamps.

To provide means of remitting small sums of money to or from this Colony and between the Ports of China, the Postmasters and Agents of the Office are allowed (but not required) to purchase Hongkong Postage Stamps from foreign residents.

The Stamps tendered for sale must not exceed \$50 in value, must be perfectly clean, in good condition, and in strips of at least two, no separate Stamps will be purchased. They must be presented personally or accompanied by a note.

Stamps containing Stamps should be re-

tared, and the Stamps should be secured from observation.

A Pillar Box has been established at the West Point Police Station (opposite the Sailors' Home), and another at the South front of the Harbour Department.

The hours of clearance are as follow:—

	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
West Point	10.00	2.00	4.15
Harbour Department	10.15	2.15	4.00
Letters arrive at the Post Office	10.30*	2.30*	4.45*

Correspondence of all kinds posted in either

box before the first clearance on mail day will be in time for the Homeyard Mail.

All correspondence for Hongkong will be delivered at the same time.

Residents who keep a postage account with this Office may post local correspondence in these boxes without stamps, provided the sender's name or recognized device appears on each article.

Local correspondence means that for Hongkong, Bangkok, or the Ports of China.

A Mail clearing at this hour will be sent upon the Messenger arrives from the P&O Boxes.

